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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. IN POL COUNSELORS' MEETING TODAY WE POLLED THE CONSTITUENCY ON ZA RUBEZHOM REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS ON THE CSCE ANNIVERSARY. UK, FRANCE, FRG AND CANADA (LATTER NOT PRESENT) HAVE RECEIVED AND TRANSMITTED REQUEST; ITALIAN SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY TO THEM. UK HAS TRANSMITTED WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT HMG RESPOND POSITIVELY, BUT WITH MENTION OF BASKET III AND CONDITION OF INTEGRAL PUBLICATION, BUT NO DECISION YET TAKEN; FRENCH SAID EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED BUT DID NOT DIVULGE RECOMMENDATION, IF ANY; FRG TOLD ZA RUBEZHOM TO APPLY AT CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE IN BONN, AND NOT INFORMED WHETHER IT DID.

2. REGARDING PROFESSOR ROSOWSKI'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN VALENTYN MOROZ, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO CORROBATE THE HARVARD/MIT RUMOR THAT MOROZ MIGHT SOON BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION. OUR DISSIDENT SOURCES-- MOST OF WHOM WE SAW THIS MORNING AT THE AIRPORT FAREWELL TO THE AMALRIKS-- TELL US THAT MOROZ HAS BEEN SENT TO AN UNDISCLOSED LABOR CAMP; THEY HAVE SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS EARLY RELEASE. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER.

3. FURTHER ON IGOR BELOUSOVICH, HE IS NOW BEING FOLLOWED BY A GOON WITH A CAMERA WHO IS MAKING HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPT TO
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KEEP THE SURVEILLANCE DISCREET.

4. A CHECK WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE REVEALED THAT THE MINISTRY IS INDEED EXPECTING THOMAS HOVING OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW JULY 18, ACCOMPANED BY MRS. ONASSIS. HOVING WILL BE MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE POPOV. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE REPRESENTATIVE WITH WHOM WE SPOKE INDICATED HE IS EXPECTING ONLY HOVING AND MRS. ONASSIS. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO GET FROM HIM EXACT ARRIVAL AND HOTEL DETAILS AND WE WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

5. NOTE THAT DURING YOUR JULY 1 PHONE CONVERSATION WITH VORONTSOV, HE MENTIONED THAT TALL SHIPS WOULD RETURN HOME AFTER NEW YORK STAY. PRESS REPORTS WE HAVE SEEN INDICATE THAT SHIPS LEFT IN A HUFF BECAUSE OF POOR TREATMENT, THEREBY CANCELLING ONWARD VISITS TO BALTIMORE AND PERHAPS OTHER PORTS. WHAT IS THE STORY?
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